

6 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Theodore C. Sorensen
FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration
SUBJECT : Reimbursement for Shipment of
Household Effects

1. This memorandum contains additional information beyond that given you in my memorandum of 5 January 1977 concerning payment for the movement of household effects.

2. Our contact in the Civil Service Commission has ascertained that the General Services Administration was the appropriate organization to respond to the query. A representative of the General Services Administration has contacted us and has stated that they have previously raised the issue with the General Accounting Office and that organization has given oral opinions to the effect that there is no authorization to pay for the shipment of household effects of Presidential Appointees. We were further informed that the General Services Administration has sensed the reluctance on the part of the General Accounting Office to put such an opinion in writing and the General Services Administration has not forced the issue.

3. I am sorry that this memorandum does not convey a more favorable message. There does remain to us another option to pursue the issue. We could request a formal opinion from the General Accounting Office as to whether we could legally reimburse for the expenses involved. I will be happy to exercise this option if you so desire.

/s/ John F. Blake

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Mr. Sorensen via [REDACTED] (O-DCI)

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